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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 1014

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, RH, MZ
SUBJECT: RHODESIAN DENY INVASION OF MOZAMBIQUE

1. REPORTS ARE RIFE HERE THAT RHODESIANS MAY HAVE AGAIN GONE INTO MOZAMBIQUE. THIS BASED ON REPORTED MOZAMBIQUE ARMY HIGH COMMAND STATEMENT YESTERDAY THAT RHODESIA HAD LAUNCHED A BIG ATTACK AND FIGHTING WAS STILL GOING ON. ARMY STATEMENT IS SAID TO AFFIRM THAT RHODESIAN TROOPS ATTACKED THE DISTRICT OF MUSSURINZE IN MANICA PROVINCE SIX DAYS AGO, BACKED BY HEAVY ARTILLERY, ARMoured CARS AND AIRCRAFT. ALSO THAT RHODESIANS HAD BURNED HOUSES IN THE ESPUNGABERA AREA JUST ACROSS THE BORDER FROM RHODESIA. SPECULATION HEIGHTENED BY REPORTS FROM SALISBURY THAT COMBINED OPERATIONS HEADQUARTERS SAID IT HAD NO COMMENT TO MAKE ON THE MOZAMBIQUE ARMY STATEMENT.

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2. I ASKED HAWKINS WHEN HE CALLED ON SPRAY CASE IF HE WOULD TELL ME WHAT IS GOING ON. IF THE RHODESIANS ARE BACK IN MOZAMBIQUE, I NOTED, IT WOULD HAVE THE MOST SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES. THE COH " NO COMMENT" STANCE WILL LEAD PEOPLE TO THINK THAT ANOTHER OPERATION IS UNDER WAY. HAWKINS SAID HE WOULD CALL SALISBURY. HE HAS JUST CALLED BACK AFTER TALKING WITH GAYLARD TO SAY THAT "THERE ARE NO RHODESIAN

FORCES IN MOZAMBIQUE IN ANY SHAPE OR FORM" AND THAT THIS
COMES FROM IAN SMITH HIMSELF. FURTHERMORE, IN VIEW OF
NUMEROUS INQUIRIES SALISBURY IS PUTTING OUT A CATEGORICAL
DENIAL ON THE MOZAMBIQUE ARMY STATEMENT.BOWDLER

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